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AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been 3.3 per cent annual increase in the availability of foodgrains during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether benefits of increase in availability of foodgrains have reached the common consumer; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): The per capita net availability of foodgrains since 2007 is given below:

(Grams per day)

Year	Per capita availability of foodgrains
2007	442.8
2008	436.0
2009	444.0
2010	437.1
2011	453.6

As on 31st December of each year.

(c) & (d): As per the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), between 2004-05 and 2011-12 while the per capita consumption of cereals and pulses and pulse products have declined in both rural and urban households, the consumption of fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs and fish etc. has increased both in rural and urban households.

Consumption of specific items of foodgrains, varies from place to place and within different sections of people depending upon the preferences of the consumers, their cultural values, income levels etc.

In addition, the Government also provides subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) which aims at enhancing the food security for the poor.